The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am totally against the merger of Dish and DirectTV. This will lessen competition and give a monopoly to one company. We must have competition in the satellite tv arena in order to keep rates down and quality up. Please do not allow this merger. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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